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INTERESTING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

NBC News on the Hour at 9:55 P. M. over WNBC (Washington) and the NBC Network:

RICHARD HARKNESS: "Today, approp of the U-2 spy-plane mystery, there was an interesting sequence of events. General Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, was in Minneapolis. At mid-afternoon, the dispatches reported a White news conference. This dispatch quoted the Four Star General as saying this, if the Air Force had been responsible for those U-2 flights, none would have been made on (assignment?) just before the summit conference.

"Well, here in Washington, newsmen just contacted Retired Colonel Stanley J. Grogan, Assistant to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Allen W. Dulles. Reporters asked Grogan about the White quote. Grogan's reply was one of disbelief. He said this, I do not believe that General White made such a statement.

"Then, this evening, General White was in Springfield, Illinois, visiting his sister. He denied the statement attributed to him from Minneapolis. He had made, he said, no statement regarding the propriety of the May 1 flight of our U-2.

"In that connection, 38 House members, all Democrats, addressed a letter late today to President Eisenhower. They asked eight questions, on in inquiry, why the U-2 flight was ordered just preceding the summit meeting in Paris and who gave the order?"

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